

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
with Ferrin Cox

Sports folks really like to set records. However not many really enjoy having records set against them. But it happens. Prep Spotlight, compiled by the Alabama High School Athletic Association reported that Seaborn Barber rushed for 205 yards and four touchdowns (26, 9, 48 and 46 yards) in Houston County's 48-14 win over Zion Chapel last week. Again, this young man "done good" and everyone has to be proud of him, but it would have been better for Zion Chapel fans if he had done it against someone else.

Amendment One failed last Tuesday as was expected. Alabama voters gave the proposal(s) a resounding 2-1 trip to the woodshed. Monday when the Alabama Legislature went into special session to consider budgets for the coming year, there were no real surprises from the governor's televised address. That could have been because there had been enough trail balloons sent up during the last several weeks that we kinda knew what to expect and Bob Riley felt he kinda knew what cuts would be easiest for the public to digest. However it is only after the legislature reviews his recommendations that we will really know what to expect for the coming year. If a majority of the lawmakers insist on keeping those little pots of money each Representative and Senator has almost total control over... then Governor Bob must find something else to cut. While that particular project is almost guaranteed to be dead for this year, just consider it an example of changes which can be made.

The Elba fire department has responded to a rash of fires recently. Many of the calls were to empty buildings - a barn, a church and at least two empty houses. We hope investigators look at each incident real close, because we are not alone in believing that some, if not all, of these blazes were the work of bad folks and not freaks of nature.

Elba/ZC bands
to perform at
TSU band day

Marching bands from Elba and Zion Chapel High Schools will join forces with Troy State University's "Sound of the South" Marching Band and other bands Saturday, Sept. 20, for its halftime performance at the TSU-SI Louisiana University game.

The show will be the culmination of the band program's Fifth Annual Band Day activities. Jeff Ellis is director of the Elba High School band, and Shelley Motes is director of the Zion Chapel band.

More than 2,300 musicians will unite to perform "My Home's in Alabama" and "Domino," a song Van Morrison took to number nine on the pop music charts in 1970.

The game is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. in Troy.

Bands scheduled to participate are Brantley High School, Cairo High School, Charles Henderson High School and Charles Henderson Middle School of Troy, Clarke County High School, Cottrill High School, Elba High School, Elmore County High School, Escambia County High School, Enola High School, Flomaton High School, Florida High School, Frisco City High School, Geneva High School, Georgia High School, Headland High School, Highland Home High School, Kendrick High School, Lee-Scott Academy, Nottulsa High School, Opp High School, Prattville High School, Red Level High School, Reelwood High School, Robert E. Lee High School, Slosson High School, Thomasville High School, Verbena High School, Vernon High School, Vincent High School and Zion Chapel High School.

DUTY CALLS. Members of the Elba Fire Department responded Tuesday evening, Sept. 9, to this house fire at 1107 Martin Luther King Drive. The fire department has been overwhelmingly busy as of late with several reports of house or structure fires. With the increased number of fire calls, officials have become suspicious of foul play; however, this particular fire did not meet the criteria of the others. According to reports, the fire began in the kitchen area of the home and was ruled accidental. None the less, it did keep the attention of the firefighters for quite some time with the department being dispatched to the scene two other times following this initial battle of the flames.

Elba Chamber of Commerce banquet set for Sept. 25

The Elba Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual banquet on the evening of September 25, 2003. The Elba Rec Center located on Claxton Ave. will be the location for the banquet this year and the time will be 6:30 p.m.

Once again this year they will feature some of Elba's restaurants and other food vendors in Elba. The theme is "Celebrate Elba with a Taste of

Elba." These merchants will be showcasing their specialties for the evening meal. There will be fifteen vendors who will participate in this year's event.

Elba's 150th birthday celebration will be continued during the banquet. Old Elba memorabilia will be on display, the king and queen of the sequinational celebration will be introduced. A short history of Elba will be told by a

favorite historian.

An awards ceremony will take place to honor some of those who have been willing to serve during the year to help make Elba the best place in Alabama to be. A very special guest will entertain.

Tickets are on sale at the Chamber of Commerce, 329 Putnam Street, or from any chamber board member. The cost is \$15.00, and all tickets must be purchased in advance by September 24. No tickets will be sold the night of the banquet. Dress for the event is casual.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Sept. 8, 2003, investigated the following incidents: two for harassment, two for criminal mischief, one breaking and entering of a motor vehicle, two for possession of a controlled substance, two for possession of drug paraphernalia, one possession of marijuana, one domestic violence and one theft of property.

The following arrests were made: one for failure to appear, three for possession of a controlled substance, three for possession of drug paraphernalia.

two for possession of marijuana and two for the manufacture of methamphetamine.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: MONDAY, SEPT. 8 - River stage - 7.63 feet (6:08 a.m.); Report of a fight in progress at the intersection of Martin Luther King Dr. and Lee St. (8:00 p.m.).

TUESDAY, SEPT. 9 - River stage - 7.07 feet (6:21 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a house fire at 1107 Martin Luther King Dr. (6:13 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the scene of the house fire for stand-by (6:23 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to restart fire at 1107 Martin Luther King Dr. (10:48 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 10 - River stage - 6.69 (6:14 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to 1107 Martin Luther King Dr. (6:24 a.m.); Routine activity.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 11 - River stage - 6.25 feet (6:07 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a house fire at 1293 County Rd. 404 (1:01 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the scene of the house fire for stand-by (1:03 p.m.); Alarm activated at 828 First Ave. (11:29 p.m.).

FRIDAY, SEPT. 12 - River stage - 5.23 feet (6:20 a.m.); Wreck reported at the intersection of Hwy. 189 N. and 203 Bypass (7:44 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck at the intersection of Hwy. 167 and Hwy. 125 (12:37 p.m.).

SATURDAY, SEPT. 13 - River stage - 5.40 feet (6:22 a.m.); Alarm activated at 1698 Hickman Ave. (4:28 p.m.); Wreck (vehicle vs. church) at 747 Adams St. (9:42 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 747 Adams St. (9:42 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported at the intersection of Jones and Reynolds St. (11:52 p.m.).

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 - Disturbance (unwanted guest) reported at 1511 Powell Circle (12:24 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 113 County Rd. 367 (1:20 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 113 County Rd. 367 (1:29 a.m.); River stage - 5.18 feet (6:23 a.m.); Routine activity.

Countdown to "Celebrate Elba 150" weekend begins

The celebration of Elba's 150 years reaches its climax in less than one month as the final events will be held during a four day weekend extravaganza.

It's hard to believe the year of events will end soon, but "Celebrate Elba 150" committee members assure the best is yet to come.

This full weekend of fun-filled events will begin Thursday evening, Oct. 9, with a play focusing on the History of Elba. This play will certainly be an event not to miss as it is being written and will be performed by Elba City School students.

Citizens are reminded to wear their "Celebrate Elba 150" t-shirts on Friday, Oct. 10, as it will be called the all-day t-shirt day.

This day of celebration begins early with the First Baptist Church, hosting a Prayer Breakfast beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Next, the business industry of Elba will be recognized through a Business and Merchants Appreciation Expo on the downtown square beginning at 10 a.m. and continuing until 2 p.m. This event will allow local businesses to exhibit their goods and services for the community. This ceremony will consist in



Sesquicentennial committee members Mary McMillan, Patsy Meek, Kaye Whitworth and Jimmy Harrison show off their "Celebrate Elba 150" t-shirts and encourage all citizens to remember to wear the shirts on Friday, Oct. 10. T-shirts can be purchased at the Elba Chamber of Commerce, located on Putnam Street next to the old Coffee County Jail.

part, of recognizing those individuals or family members of individuals who have made significant contributions to the City of Elba either through business and commerce or by acting as ambassadors for the city.

The festival will conclude at 4:30 p.m. with a huge Sesquicentennial parade, and anyone interested in participating is asked to call Jimmy Harrison at 897-8591 for an application.

Therapeutic foster care needed in this area

by Linda Hodge, Editor

By no means is foster care a new concept for anyone, but there is a growing need for a special kind of foster care that many may not think about on a daily basis.

The United Methodist Children's Home (UMCH) seeks to recruit, train, nurture and support foster families in their home communities, and this group currently is expanding its reach to the local area.

Destiny Hudson is a therapeutic foster care case worker for UMCH in the Coffee County area, and she said there is a dire need for therapeutic foster families in Coffee County.

"Therapeutic foster care (TFC) is needed for children who have special needs that cannot be met through less restrictive foster care resources," Hudson said. "Therapeutic foster care must be nurturing, stable individuals who can open up their homes and hearts to a hurting child."

She said TFC children may range in age from birth to age 21. These children are in custody of the Alabama Department of Human Resources and must exhibit an identifiable special need such as a psychiatric, emotional or behavioral diagnosis.

"Some children may also have physical disabilities that affect their behavior," Hudson

said. "The needs of each child are assessed individually."

Doristine Sankey of Troy recently was named "Alabama Foster Parent of the Year," and she admits that bringing a therapeutic foster child into her home wasn't easy, but soon she became just another member of the family.

"When my foster daughter came into our lives, she was so special and we just loved her from the start," Sankey said in an interview after winning her award. "Being a foster parent isn't for everyone, but for those who have a big heart and a lot of love to give, it's certainly an option to consider."

Currently, UMCH sponsors therapeutic foster care in Barbour, Bullock, Coffee, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Pike and Russell counties, but Hudson said there is an effort to really expand into Coffee, Crawford and Geneva counties.

To become a therapeutic foster parent, Hudson said interested individuals must meet guidelines including:

- * If a married couple, both parents must be at least 25 years old;
- * Must be married, single, widowed or divorced. No separations;
- * Must have bed space for child;
- * Some children may also have physical disabilities that affect their behavior," Hudson

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God saw he was getting tired
And a cure could not be.
So He put his arms around him,
and He whispered "Come with me."
With tear filled eyes, we watched
him fade away. Although we love
him deeply, we could not make him Stay.
A Golden heart stopped beating;
Hard working hands were put to rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
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Obituaries

CECIL EDWARD POPE SR.
Mr. Cecil Edward Pope Sr., age 78, of Elba, Ala., died Sept. 4, 2003 at Opp Nursing Home.

He was the son of the late Luther and Esther Pope.

Funeral services were held Sept. 6, 2003 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Charles Dye, Rev. Marcus Ramer and Rev. Monroe Sasser officiating. Burial with a military funeral followed in the Danley's Cross Roads Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife, Sarah Nell Pope, Elba; four sons: Cecil Edward (Amenda) Pope Jr., Don (Sandy) Pope,

Phil (Nancy) Pope, all of Elba, Mike Pope, Opp; two daughters: Angela (Austin) Davis, Opp, Kathy (Jimmy) Taylor, Montgomery, Ala.; one brother: William Rufus Pope, Elba; one sister: Marylene Rhodes, DeFuniak Springs, Fla.; 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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• TR Soldier Service Center (255-2997)
• Downtown - Northcutt's On Main (793-9338)

ATTENTION!

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1973
THIRTY YEAR REUNION CELEBRATION

Elba High School Will Formally Recognize The Class Of 1973 At The Homecoming Festivities On Friday, October 31st. Each Year EHS Honors The 30th Anniversary Graduating Class At Both The Homecoming Parade And The Homecoming Game. Class Of 1973... WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If You Have Not Been Contacted By The Class Of 1973 Alumni Committee Then We Need To Know Where You Are! The Class Of 1973 Is Planning A 30 Year Class Reunion Celebration [Friday, October 31st and Saturday, November 1st] To Coincide With The EHS Homecoming Events Scheduled. Please Contact One Of The Following Class Of 1973 Alumni Committee Members So We Can Get A Schedule Of Events And Other Important Information To You In A Timely Manner

Ronny Parrish Debra Cook Rivera
251-626-0751 251-897-5558
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SCHOOLS



Tiger Tales

Editors:
Brittany Cooper
& Alex Allen

EHS students involved with CCYLP

by Christy Eubanks

The Coffee County Youth Leadership program is up and going again this year.

For those of you who don't know what CCYLP is, it is a program designed to provide young leaders of our county with an inside view to many areas that are important to our region such as agriculture, government and military, as well as health and wellness.

Staff, not all of our young leaders can participate. Participants must be juniors in high school, and they must sign up and go through a series of events in which they are steadily narrowed down to a select few.

The first stage is for them to create and send in autobiographies of themselves. This is to be done in a way that best expresses the individual student. The few that are chosen in this round then go on to an interview round. Past CCYLP members and adult leaders from throughout Coffee County interview them.

Of the 13 Elba High School students that tried out eight students made it all the way. These students are: Bradley Bane,

Kaleb Dyess, Lyndon Lawford, Taylor McGinnis, Rebecca English, Kristin Barnes, Kristi Sparks and Cameron Irwin.

Congratulations to all of you! I know you will enjoy it.

Andrew Head

When she is finished she plans to pursue a master's degree. Her teaching philosophy is to keep the students' best interest in

Outside of teaching, she enjoys music, baseball, movies, reading and spending time with

her family and friends.

Elba is a great learning environment," she said. "Everyone

has been welcoming and generous. It's an opportunity to where I know that I am able to gain advice and knowledge from all experiences."

Mr. Nick Fritchathorn is also interning for Mr. Ellis and Mr. Maddox. He graduated from Bay High School in Panama City, Florida and is getting his degree in music education.

He plans to get his master's degree in conducting and start teaching music at the high school level. He also plans to

continue his education and become a University/College band director.

He always wants to put his students first and push them to strive for the highest because the sky is the limit in anything they do. He loves music but he likes to surf, play guitar, and hang out with his friends.

I think Elba is a great town and community," he said. "The town really supports the school and the band program is top notch."

Mr. Paul Marsh is interning for Coach Waters.

Mrs. Barnes and Coach Fritchathorn.

He graduated high school from Cronshaw Christian Academy and is now pursuing a degree in physical education.

After receiving his degree he

plans to start interviewing for jobs. In his spare time he enjoys baseball, basketball, golf, and watching college football.

I think education should build students self-esteem and help build respect and cooperation with other people," Marsh said. "Education should concentrate on subject knowledge as well as the knowledge and skills that will be useful outside of the classroom and school. Most importantly, education should have a positive impact on students' lives."

Elba High School welcomes all of our student teachers and wishes them the best of luck this school year!

E.E.S. students leave their marks

by Brittany Cooper

On Friday, Sept. 12, Mrs. Millie McCollough registered 10 students to LEAVE THEIR MARKS on Elba Elementary School walls.

This event is for students who are interested in art and wish to participate in a weekly art class. The children should have a genuine interest in drawing and painting, and the classes meet every Tuesday immediately following school for one hour.

Mrs. McCollough will be using the experience to teach children about shading and dimension, as well as general drawing techniques. The classes are \$20 per week.

Soon the walls will be filled with the marks of many elementary students, making it truly the students' school.

Support our schools!!!

Co-Op Spotlight

by Jessica Danford

This week's Co-Op Spotlight focuses on Kaci Grantham.

Kaci is the 17-year-old daughter of Billy and Kaci Grantham, and she currently is employed at National Security Insurance Company of Elba.

Kaci is a senior and also is involved in Senior Beta, a member of the Marching Tiger Band, Dance line and in Senior Girl Scout Troop #300.

Congratulations Kaci and keep up the good work.

Elba Elementary School Menu September 22 - 26, 2003

BREAKFAST

LUNCH

Monday - Cinnamon Toast, Cheese, Cereal, Juice, Milk

Tuesday - French Toast/Syrup, Link Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk

Wednesday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Patty, Cereal, Juice, Milk

Thursday - Scrambled Eggs, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

Monday - Burrito, Cheese, Green Salad, Rice, 1/2 Orange, Milk

Tuesday - Chicken Sandwich, Corn, Green Beans, Sliced Peas, Milk

Wednesday - Corn dog, Macaroni & Cheese, Turnips, Cornbread, 1/2 Apple, Milk

Thursday - Spaghetti, Corn on Cob, Carrots, Crackers, Apricots, Milk

Friday - Cheeseburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles, Cookie, Milk

2003-04 Elba High School Ambassadors

WCC offers stress management classes

Wallace Community College is offering two stress management workshops on Saturday, September 20.

"Improving Life through Stress Management Part I" provides participants with information identifying stressors, symptoms of stress and burnout. Participants will also learn to identify coping skills and management techniques for stress factors in their lives. The class meets from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Fee is \$25, add \$10 after Sept. 17. The class offers 3 CEUs (3.6 for nurses).

Dr. Elba Price, associate professor of biology and education at Faulkner University in Montgomery, is instructor for the courses.

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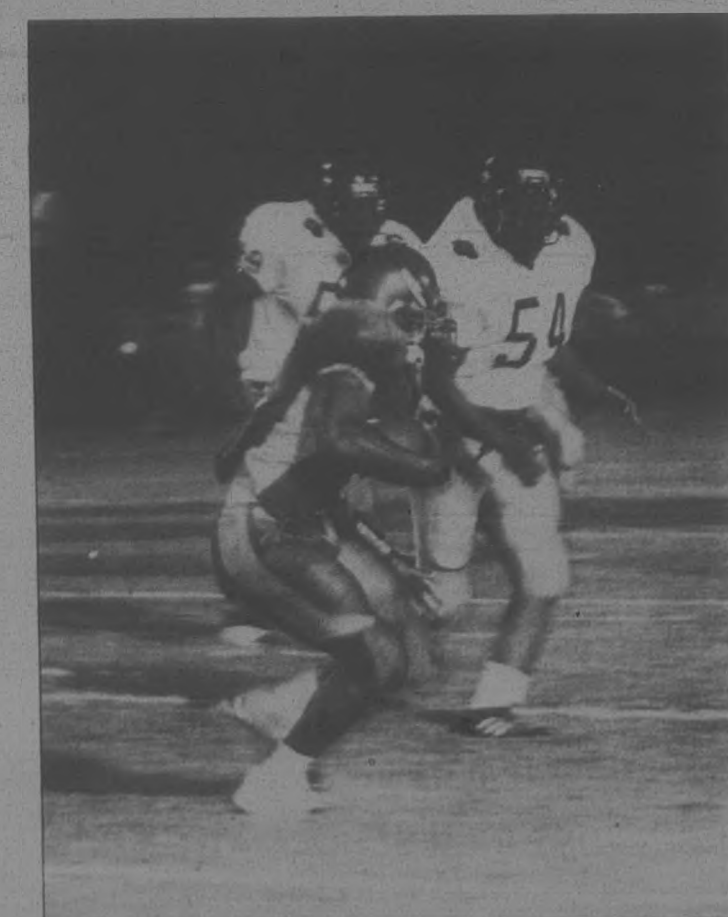
ELBA TIGER DEFENDERS Carlos Aruz (11) and Trey Davis (44) fight through blockers to reach the ball carrier. The Elba defense played tough throughout the game Friday night in the 27-7 loss to W.S. Neal.



ELBA MARCHING TIGER BAND...kept the Tiger fans fired up throughout the game Friday night at W.S. Neal. The band turned in an outstanding halftime performance and also played almost non-stop while in the bleachers.



Elba Tiger linebacker Brandon Bowers (33) sets his sights on an Eagle running back. Bowers and the Tigers will be at home this week when Pike County comes to town in a key region match-up.



Elba's Lewis Johnson (54) and Jesse Thigpen (59) close in on a W.S. Neal runner. The Tiger defense held the Eagles to only seven points in the first half of play last week in the region battle.



ELBIE, the Elba Tiger mascot, enjoyed the cooler temperatures last week in East Brewton as the Tigers battled W.S. Neal.

Elba Tigers drop region clash to W.S. Neal 27-7

By Ricky Mulatz, Sports Editor
Photos by Mike Capps

The Elba Tigers saw their victory drought continue last week in East Brewton when the W.S. Neal Eagles scored 20 unanswered points in the second half to pull away and defeat the visiting Tigers 27-7.

The loss left the Tigers with an 0-3 record, 0-2 in region play, while the Eagles improved to 2-1 with the win and evened their record to 1-1 in the region.

Neither team could move the chains on their initial possession of the night, but W.S. Neal did come to life on its next two series and cashed in on the second scoring opportunity to grab an early lead.

The Eagles moved to a first down at the Elba 22-yardline on their second possession of the game behind the running of Alfonso Gross, only to be stopped by a fumble at the Elba 17. However, the Eagles regained possession at the Elba 29-yardline following a 29-yard punt return by Marcus Folmar and this time reached the endzone when Justin Smith outran the Tiger defense to the corner of the endzone on a 10-yard dash. Spencer Williamson kicked the extra-point, and with 3:31 remaining in the first quarter W.S. Neal owned a 7-0 lead.

Elba began the ensuing possession at its own 43-yardline after a 27-yard kickoff return by Kimmy Hill, and stunned W.S. Neal by tuncing penalty against the Eagles on first down helped the Tigers move across midfield, while the touchdown came when Brandon Kelley took a two-step drop and lofted a pass to Kirby Gray on a deep fade route that resulted in a 41-yard touchdown toss. Gray added the extra-point and with 3:07 left in the first quarter Elba had caught the Eagles at 7-7.

The two region rivals swapped pass interceptions early in the second quarter, with the Tigers' interception coming by Brent Bowers at the W.S. Neal 41-yardline.

Elba's Jesse Thigpen recovered an Eagle fumble at the W.S. Neal 23-yardline later in the quarter to put the Tigers in excellent scoring position, but three plays later the Tigers found themselves back at the Neal 49, and saw the scoring chance go by the scoreboard.

W.S. Neal began its first possession of the second half at its own 36-yardline after a failed fake punt attempt by Elba, and behind the running of Alfonso Gross and a questionable flag for a late hit quickly reached a first down at the Elba 20-yardline. Two penalties backed the Eagles up, however, and on fourth down W.S. Neal was forced to punt after driving deep into Tiger territory.

Elba fumbled the W.S. Neal punt and put the ball in play at its own 3-yardline, and three plays later disaster struck for the Tigers as an Elba punt on fourth down covered only three yards, giving the Eagles the ball at the Elba 12-yardline.

A penalty nullified a 10-yard touchdown run by Alfonso Gross on the second play of the short scoring drive, but the speedy W.S. Neal fullback scored on the next play on a 20-yard sprint, and Spencer Williamson again added the extra-point as the Eagles moved ahead 14-7 with 1:12 remaining in the third quarter.

W.S. Neal began its next possession at its own 40-yardline after an Elba punt, and after a penalty on first down, once again handed the ball to Alfonso Gross, who broke countless tackles and used the entire field on a 71-yard touchdown jaunt. The extra-point try sailed wide, but with 10:24 left in the game W.S. Neal had taken charge by opening up a 20-7 advantage.

The Tiger defense turned back the next W.S. Neal scoring threat after the Eagles had recovered a fumble at the Elba 23-yardline, but the Tigers gave the ball right back on a pass interception at the Elba 15, and this time the Eagles quickly headed back into the endzone. The touchdown came on a 1-yard blast by Jake Bailey, and Williamson added the extra-point to put the Eagles on top 27-7 with 7:24 still remaining in the game.

Elba began its next possession at its own 30-yardline and behind the hard running of Kimmy Hill and a 15-yard pass from Brandon Kelley to Marcello Reed drove to a first down at the W.S. Neal 24-yardline. The Tigers managed to move only one yard on their next four plays; however, and at the final horn it was the Eagles that had the win 27-7.

Kimmy Hill gained 89 yards on 15 carries to lead the Elba offense, while Alfonso Gross led W.S. Neal with 214 yards on 20 carries.

The Yardstick....

STATISTICS

E	WSN
7	1st Downs 13
31-82	Rushes-Yds. 39-211
63	Passing Yds. 20
145	Total Offense 231
3-18-2	Passes 1-13-1
3/1	Fumbles/Lost 4/2
7-24	Punts-Ave. 5-29
10-70	Penalties-Yds. 12-90



Elba Tiger fullback Ryan Gibbs fights for yardage in last week's region battle against W.S. Neal. The Tigers will return home this week to meet the Pike County Bulldogs in another region clash.



Elba Tiger tailback Kimmy Hill (20) looks for room to run after reaching the corner. Hill gained 89 yards on 15 carries in last week's 27-7 loss to W.S. Neal.



ELBA TIGER CHEERLEADERS...kept the Tiger fans fired up Friday night in East Brewton as Elba battled W.S. Neal in a region 3 battle.

SPORTS

Claim 46-2 region win

Brantley buries Eagles

By Greg Brunson
Photos by Janet Brunson



Brantley Bulldog quarterback Channing Spivey (15) rolls away from pressure and looks downfield in the Bulldogs big 46-2 win over Pleasant Home. Spivey connected on 8 of 11 passes for 117 yards in the big region win.

In 1A, Region contest

Rebels ripped by Lions 48-14

Story and photos by Ross Adkinson

The Zion Chapel Rebels continued their struggles on the gridiron Friday night as they hosted the Houston County Lions and came out on the short end of a lopsided 48-14 deci-



A Zion Chapel receiver looks back as a Rebel fires a deep pass in last week's 48-14 loss to Houston County.

Region play continues as area teams prepare for week #4 grid showdowns

The high school football season is nearing the midway point of the regular season and once again this week all teams across the state will line-up against region opponents. The fourth week of the season is filled with key region games for area teams, and following is a preview of this week's contests:

NEW BROCKTON AT HOUSTON ACADEMY

The New Brockton Gamecocks evened their region record at 1-1 last week with a big win over Samson and this week will be looking to make it two wins in a row when they travel to Dothan to battle the highly-touted Houston Academy Raiders. The Gamecocks got a 298-yard, four touchdown performance out of senior tailback Tyler Simmons last week, the second time in three games the senior has scored four touchdowns in a game. The Gamecock defense played tough for all four quarters in slowing down as explosive Samson attack. Houston Academy will bring a 2-1 record into this week's region battle and boasts wins over McKenzie 39-0 and G.W. Long 24-0, while having a 6-3 loss to Slocomb marring the record. The Raiders have one of the top offensive teams in the region, and have allowed only six points in three games on defense. There can be no doubt the Raiders will provide the Gamecocks with their biggest test of the young season.

FLORALA AT KINSTON

One streak will end and another will continue Friday night when the Florala Wildcats invade Kinston to meet the Kinston Bulldogs in a big region clash. The Bulldogs got off to a slow start having an open date in week #1 and having its opening game postponed due to rain, but Kinston did hit the field twice last week and suffered back-to-back losses to Houston County 28-7 and Arton 26-0. The Bulldogs moved the ball up and down the field on offense, but stopped themselves with fumbles, and battled hard on defense, only to wear out late. Florala will enter

down run with 8:51 remaining in the opening stanza. The two-point conversion was successful and the Lions were on their way with a quick 8-0 advantage.

Tavares Black led the Lions back down the field on their next possession, and Houston County added to its lead with a 9-yard scoring dash by Seaborn Barber. The two-point try failed, but with 7:51 left in the second quarter Houston County's lead was up to 14-0.

Seaborn Barber broke loose for another touchdown run with only :03 left in the half to get the Lions back in the endzone, and after Barber added the two-point conversion, Houston County was on top 22-0 as the teams headed in at intermission.

Barber added a 51-yard touchdown run with 10:51 remaining in the third quarter as the Lions' lead went to 28-0, and Barber later scored his fourth touchdown of the game, this time on a 15-yard scamper with 6:13 left in the quarter, as Houston County moved on top 34-0.

Dashawn Carter scored the next Houston County touchdown on a 7-yard dash to increase the Lions' lead to 41-0, but Zion Chapel was not about to quit and finally gave its fans a reason to cheer as the Rebels scored two late touchdowns to make the final score Houston County 48 Zion Chapel 14.

Brantley quarterback Channing Spivey went back to work on the Bulldogs' next possession and this time scrambled 14 yards to set the Bulldogs up with a first own at the Pleasant Home 14-yardline. A 15-yard

the game with an 0-3 record after losing to Red Level 40-22, Arton 24-6 and Cottonwood 28-20. However, the Wildcats are vastly improved over a year ago and have to be looking forward to the visit to Coffee County this week. The records will mean nothing Friday night when two teams hungry for a win tangle in Kinston.

ZION CHAPEL AT ARTON

The Zion Chapel Rebels will be looking to claim their first win of the season and pull off the upset of the young season Friday night when they head over to Arton to battle the undefeated Arton Purple Cats. The Rebels have had a hard time keeping their opponents out of the endzone in their opening three games as they have allowed 123 points, for an average of over 40 points a game. Arton has been the surprise team of the area this season in rolling to a 3-0 record with wins over Wicksburg 38-28, Florala 24-6 and Kinston 26-0, and Coach Julius Head has the Purple Car fans thinking about the state playoffs. If the Rebel defense can slow down the 'Cats it may have a chance, but they will be big underdogs in this region match-up.

BRANTLEY AT HOUSTON COUNTY

The top spot in the region will be up for grabs Friday night when the undefeated Brantley Bulldogs make the long ride to Columbia to battle the undefeated Houston County Lions, in a key region clash. The Bulldogs have made it look easy in their opening three wins as they have outscored their opponents 114-9. Brantley has weapons everywhere you look on offense and defense, and has already proven it can score on the ground or in the air, and has also proven it can keep its opponents from scoring! Houston County has opened the season with wins over Headland 22-20, Kinston 28-7 and Zion Chapel 48-14, and the Bulldogs as a chance to prove they are indeed a playoff contender.

The Brantley Bulldogs got touchdowns from five different players Friday night as they walked to a 46-2 drubbing of the Pleasant Home Eagles, in an important region match-up, in Pleasant Home.

Marcel Stamps pulled in two touchdown passes and blocked a punt and then returned it 30 yards for his third touchdown of the night to lead the Bulldogs to their third straight win of the young season.

The first score of the game came on a 5-yard run by Jamyal Jones with 8:39 remaining in the first quarter. The short scoring dash capped off a seven play drive that covered 64 yards, and it was Devaris Skanes that did most of the damage on the drive as he gained 49 yards on only three carries.

Late in the first quarter two penalties set the Bulldogs back and left them facing a second down and 37. Channing Spivey quickly connected on a 21-yard pass completion to Cedric Jones, a 17-yard pass completion to Jamyal Jones and a 23-yard strike to Cassini Wiley to lead the Bulldogs back down the field, and Brantley scored two plays later when Spivey went back to the air and this time connected with Marcel Stamps on a 20-yard touchdown pass. Cedric Jones booted the extra-point and with 49 remaining in the first quarter the Bulldogs were ahead 14-0.

The Brantley defense continued its dominance over the Eagles as it forced Pleasant Home punts on the Eagles next two possessions. The second punt set Brantley back at its own 17-yardline, and on third down a snap sailed over the head of quarterback Channing Spivey and he was tackled in the endzone after recovering the loose ball for a safety. The safety put the Eagles on the scoreboard and cut the Bulldogs' lead to 14-2 with 6:52 left in the half.

Pleasant Home received the ensuing kickoff and managed to make its initial first down of the game, but the drive stalled and on fourth down Casey Boyington dropped back in punt formation. Marcel Stamps broke through untouched to block the punt, scooped up the bouncing ball in full stride and raced 30 yards into the endzone. Cedric Jones added the extra-point and with 3:49 remaining in the half Brantley had stretched its lead to 21-2.

Brantley quarterback Channing Spivey went back to work on the Bulldogs' next possession and this time scrambled 14 yards to set the Bulldogs up with a first own at the Pleasant Home 14-yardline. A 15-yard

completion from Spivey to Jamyal Jones set up a 13-yard touchdown scoring strike to Marcel Stamps, and Jones added his fourth extra-point of the half as Brantley's lead went to 28-2 with :39 left until intermission.

The second half opened much like the first half had ended, with Pleasant Home punting after only three snaps. Brantley yardline following the punt and needed only two plays to cover the 63 yards to the endzone. Both running plays were by Devaris Skanes, the first for 22 yards and the second for a 41-yard touchdown off left tackle. The extra-point try failed, but with 10:09 left in the third quarter Brantley was in complete command with a 34-2 lead.

Brantley began its next possession at its own 26-yardline after yet another Eagle punt, and once again headed downfield for paydirt! Chris Booker went 16 yards on the first play of the possession to move the ball to the Bulldog 42, while on the next play James Pittman took a handoff and raced untouched 58 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point again failed, and with 7:20 left in the third quarter Brantley's lead stood at 40-2.

The younger Brantley players were quite impressive on the next Bulldog possession as they marched 72 yards in 15 plays on a drive that ate up over nine minutes of the clock. Chris

Booker went off right tackle for the final 13 yards for the touchdown with only 4:30 remaining in the game. Scottie Abdilla aided this drive with five carries for 27 yards, and even though Brantley took a knee on the extra-point try, it made no difference as the Bulldogs had the win wrapped up with the scoreboard reading 46-2.

The Brantley defense turned in a dominating performance behind the play of Devaris Skanes, Marcel Stamps, Jamyal Jones, Delange Harris and Cedric Jones. Devaris Skanes paced the Bulldogs on the ground with 111 yards on 9 carries, while James Pittman added 73 yards on 5 totes and Chris Booker gained 47 yards on 5 carries. Channing Spivey connected on 8 of 11 passes to four different receivers, with Marcel Stamps pulling in 3 catches for 40 yards and 2 touchdowns.

STATISTICS

B	PH
20	1st Downs 3
34-304	Rushes-Yds. 31-46
117	Passing Yds. 9
421	Total Offense 55
8-11-0	Passes 1-10-0
40	Return Yds. 88
1	Fumbles Lost 0
5-43	Penalties-Yds. 6-40
0-00	Punts-Ave. 9-25

Gate to gate run set for Sept. 20 at Ft. Rucker

The annual Gate to Gate Run at Ft. Rucker will be Saturday morning, Sept. 20, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The 4.3-mile course begins at the Ozark gate and runs south on Andrews and Third Avenues to a point near the Daleville Gate.

Runners must be signed in before 7:30 a.m. at the corner of Raider St. and Third Ave. near the Daleville gate. Transportation will be provided to the starting line near the Ozark gate.

Advance registration is \$10 and assures each runner of a commemorative T-shirt. Registration on race day is \$12.

Pre-registration opportunities at the Post Exchange (PX) will be Sept. 10, 15, 17, and 19 from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Awards will be presented immediately after the race to top overall male and female runners, top three finishers by gender and age group, top stroller participant, top runner with a dog, and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams with 10 members will receive a trophy.

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LOOKING FOR ROOM TO ROAM... A New Brockton running back looks for running room in last week's 40-12 romp past Samson. The Gamecocks will put their 1-1 region record on the line Friday night against Houston Academy.

In Monday night shootout

Kinston drops opener to Lions 28-7

Story and photos by Greg Brinson

The Kinston Bulldogs finally kicked off their season last Monday night against the Houston County Lions and saw a win slip out of their hands in a matter of only 39-seconds as Houston County scored on two big plays to pull ahead and then added a late score to post a 28-7 win.

Kinston failed to mount a drive on its opening possession of the night, but got the ball back at the Houston County 42-yardline after a short 13-yard punt and this time marched 42

yards in only four plays to grab an early lead. Keith Tew gained 21 yards on two carries to spark Kinston's lead had been cut to 7-0.

Houston County received the ensuing kickoff and promptly marched 67 yards in only four plays to answer the Kinston score. A 40-yard scamper by Seaborn Barber was a key play in the scoring drive, while Tavares Black scored the touch-

down on a 14-yard run. A two-point run failed, and with 2:38 remaining in the quarter Kinston's lead had been cut to 7-6.

Kinston appeared ready to add to its lead on the Bulldogs' ensuing possession as they drove to a first down at the Lions' 20-yardline. A 16-yard pass from J.T. Wiggins to Ryan Farmer was a big play in the drive while Cole Meeks added 11 yards in two carries and Keith Tew added a 9-yard dash. A fumbled handoff killed the scoring threat on the first down play after reaching the Houston County 20, however, and the Bulldogs came away empty handed.

The Bulldogs turned back a Houston County scoring threat late in the half on a pass interception by Kinston's Keith Tew at the Kinston 23-yardline, but the Bulldogs gave the ball right back on another fumble, and at the half Kinston went in still trailing to a narrow 7-6 advantage.

The Kinston defense came up with another big play early in the third quarter when the Bulldogs' Jerome Ball recovered a Lions' fumble at the Kinston 9-yardline, and then staged a goal line stand on Houston County's next possession to turn back the Lions inside the Kinston 2-yardline.



Kinston's Cole Meeks (44) is tackled after a short gain in last week's season opener against Houston County. The Bulldogs will host Florala this week in a key region match-up.



Kinston Bulldog Joseph McCrummen (20) looks for running room after avoiding a would-be Houston County defender. The Bulldogs dropped their season opener to the Lions 28-7.

Grab first region win

Gamecocks slam Samson 40-12

Story and photos by Robby Kinsaul

The New Brockton Gamecocks evened their region record at 1-1 Friday night after a convincing 40-12 thrashing of the Samson Tigers, in Samson.

Tyler Simmons put on a clinic as he gained 298 yards on 25 carries and scored 3 touchdowns, with his scoring jaunts coming on runs of 40, 74 and 4 yards. Junior Magwood and Justin West also scored touchdowns for the Gamecock running attack.

Tyler Simmons got New Brockton on the scoreboard first as he raced around the end 4 yards for a touchdown. Brandon Owens drilled the extra-point and with 8:22 left in the opening quarter New Brockton was off and running with an early 7-0 lead.

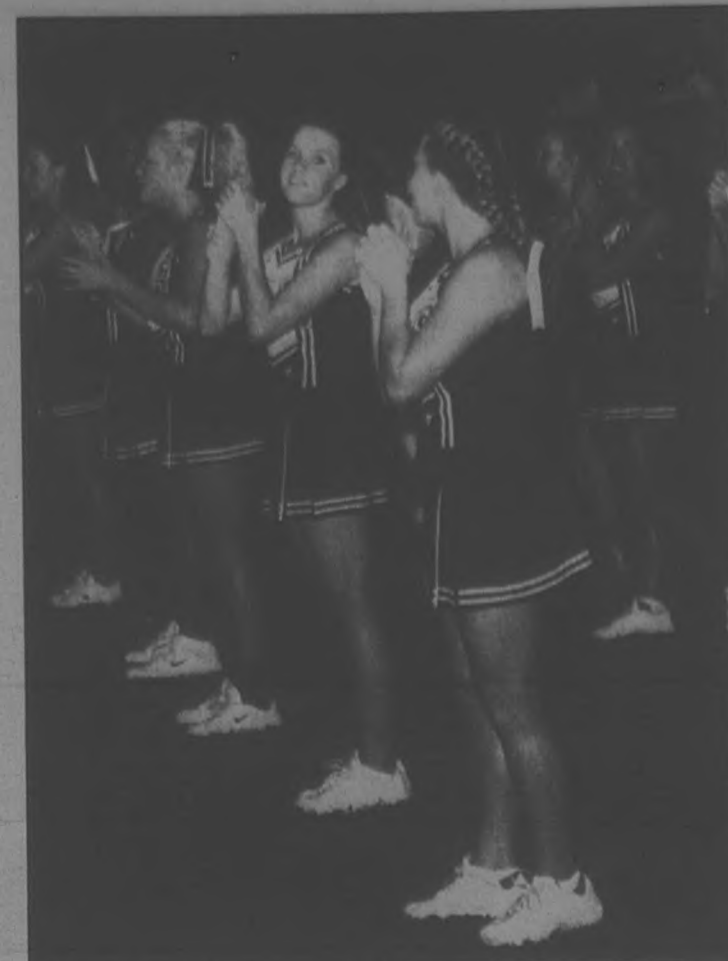
Samson tried to answer the Gamecock score and headed deep into New Brockton's end of the field, only to be turned back by the gutsy Gamecock defense on a fourth down and goal at the New Brockton 7-yardline.

On the second play of the ensuing Gamecock possession Tyler Simmons again broke loose and this time ramblled 74 yards into the endzone for his second touchdown of the quarter. Owens again added the extra-point and with 2:28 remaining in the first quarter, New Brockton was ahead 14-0 in the key region contest.

Samson headed back down the field on its second possession and this time cashed it in to cut into the Gamecock lead. Raymond Laster was the work-horse of the drive and scored the touchdown on the 12th play of the drive on a 6-yard dash. The extra-point try failed, but with 11:36 left in the second quarter Samson had cut New Brockton's lead to 14-6.

The Gamecocks were not about to be outdone and responded by driving back into the Samson endzone. The nine play scoring march was climaxed by a 3-yard touchdown run by Junior Magwood, and Brandon Owens booted the extra-point as the Gamecocks moved ahead 21-6.

Samson came out firing away



GAMECOCK CHEERLEADERS... had plenty to cheer about Friday night as New Brockton rolled past Samson 40-12 to even its region record at 1-1.

with a no huddle passing attack to open the second half, and Broc Barnes connected on 3 of 6 passes for 33 yards to lead the Tigers downfield. The drive ended when the New Brockton defense held on a fourth down gamble, and after the big defensive stop the Gamecocks once again set sail toward the Tiger endzone.

The Gamecocks had to overcome a rash of penalties during the scoring march, but did reach paydirt when Justin West scored on an 8-yard run. Owens tacked on the extra-point and New Brockton was back in command with a 28-6 advantage.

The Tigers came out firing once again following the Gamecocks score and behind the strong arm of Barnes and the hard running of Raymond Laster quickly headed down the field. The Tigers scored on a 3-yard run by Laster, and even though the two-point try failed, Samson was still very much

alive even though it was trailing 28-12 with 7:48 remaining in the game.

Another short drive was in store for the Gamecock offense; however, as on the third play of the ensuing possession Tyler Simmons again broke loose and this time raced 40 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point failed, but with 7:04 left on the clock the Gamecocks had upped their lead to 34-12 and appeared back in command.

Samson failed to convert on a fourth down play at midfield on its next possession, and the Gamecocks took advantage of the good field position to march in for their final score of the night. The six play drive was capped off when Brandon Owens ramblled in from 22 yards out, and at the final horn the Gamecocks were doing the celebrating after posting the big 40-12 road win over the Tigers.

Bulldogs blanked by Purple Cats 26-0

By Scott Johnson

A large crowd of Kinston fans came out Friday night to support the Bulldogs in their home opener of the 2003 high school football season, unfortunately the Arton Purple Cats also showed up for the week #3 region showdown, and it was the Purple Cats and their fans that did most of the cheering as the 'Cats posted a solid 26-0 win.

Kinston had high hopes early in the game as the Bulldog defense stopped Arton's opening drive near midfield after a key fourth down stop by Jerome Ball.

The Kinston offense was also ready to shine and quickly moved to the Purple Cat 15-yardline behind the running of Cole Meeks.

Joseph McCrummen and Jerome Ball. The Arton defense stiffened as the Bulldogs got near the Purple Cat endzone; however, and the Bulldogs came away empty-handed when on fourth down a field-goal attempt by Jeremy Driver never even made it off the ground as a mishandled snap resulted in a fumble and turned the ball back over to Arton.

Encouraged by their defensive stand, the Purple Cat offense roared down the field and needed only four plays to cover the 85 yards to the endzone. The scoring drive was capped off by a 46-yard pass from Joseph Vanzand to Johnell Brown, and Marquis Ward booted the extra-point to put the Purple Cats on top 7-0 with 2:27 remaining in the first quarter.

Kinston's Shawn Brantley returned the ensuing kickoff to the Bulldog 35-yardline, and after short gains by Brantley and quarterback J.T. Wiggins the 'Dogs were left facing a third down and five at the 40. Arton's defense halted the Kinston drive

when Walt Ellis intercepted a Bulldog pass at the Kinston 37-yardline, and the Purple Cats again quickly moved downfield to build on their lead. Marquis Ward ate up most of the yardage during the short scoring drive, while Kenny Byrd scored the touchdown on a 4-yard dash. Ward added the extra-point and the 'Cats were ahead 14-0 early in the second quarter.

Shawn Brantley returned the ensuing kickoff to the Kinston 27-yardline, and behind determined running by Jerome Ball the Bulldogs marched down the field to reach a first down inside the Arton 15-yardline. The Bulldogs could get no closer against the quick and aggressive Arton defense; however, and on fourth down gave the ball back to the Purple Cats with the ball still at the Arton 15-yardline.

Arton once again moved the football down the field and mixed the run and the pass to reach a first down and goal at the Kinston 7-yardline. This time it was the Bulldog defense that rose to the challenge, as Kinston recovered a Purple Cat fumble to turn back the scoring threat with only :38 left in the half.

Kinston failed to get anything going on offense in the third quarter as a fumble ended the first possession just across midfield, and the Bulldogs were forced to punt on their second possession from inside their own 20-yardline.

Arton returned the punt to the Kinston 35-yardline and needed only four plays to score, with Steven Jackson doing the honors with a 3-yard touchdown run. The extra-point try was blocked by Kinston's Jason Coon, but with 3:11 left in the third quarter Arton was now in front 20-0.

Lee McCrummen returned the ensuing kickoff to the 45-

yardline to give Kinston its best field position since their opening drive of the half. However, two sacks pushed the Bulldogs back and they turned the ball over on downs as the fourth quarter got underway.

The Purple Cats began their final scoring march of the night at their own 39-yardline, and the 61-yard drive was capped off when Kenny Byrd scored his second touchdown of the game on an 18-yard pass completion. A two-point conversion failed, leaving Arton ahead 26-0 midway through the fourth quarter.

Kinston had one final chance to score late in the game after a Chad Bedsale pass interception gave the Bulldogs possession near midfield, but Kinston was unable to cash in the turnover and at the final horn had suffered a 26-0 defeat.

Kinston will be at home again this Friday night when they host the Florala Wildcats. Kickoff for the game will be 7:00 PM.



A Kinston Bulldog cheerleader sails high into the night air at last week's battle with Arton.

SPORTS

Elba Tigers host powerful Pike County Bulldogs in Friday night region match-up at Tiger Stadium

The Elba Tigers will be looking to get into the win column for the first time this season and pull off one of the biggest upsets in Tiger football history Friday night when they host the Pike County Bulldogs at Tiger Stadium.

The Tigers will enter the region match-up with an 0-3 record after opening the season with losses to Brantley 33-7, Central 27-20 and W.S. Neal 27-7, while the Bulldogs will bring a 2-1 slate into the clash after losing to SA Futala 13-7 and posting wins over W.S. Neal 41-24 and Central 53-6.

Pike County posted an 11-2 record last season and was ousted in the quarterfinal round of the 3A playoffs, but Coach Wayne Grant and his Bulldogs are looking to stay longer this year in post-season action and have their eyes set squarely on a state title.

"They expect themselves to be good," stated Grant in a preseason interview, "and there are a lot of expectations on them when they wear the uniform."

The Bulldogs are led by all-state quarterback Chris Nickson, a 6-1, 195-pound senior, that has college scouts excited as a potential star at a number of positions. Nickson ran for over 600 yards and 14 touchdowns last season, while passing for over 2,000 yards and 31 touchdowns. This season the Bulldog standout has been just as impressive as he ran for 199 yards and 4 touchdowns in a win over W.S. Neal, and the next week threw 4 touchdown passes in a win over Central.

Pike County also boasts a number of college prospects on this year's roster, including tight-end Nick Walker (6-4, 240), wide-receiver Elijah Daniels (5-11, 175), and linemen Anterio Rodgers (6-3, 278) and Antonio Kelly (6-3, 328).

"We played with Pike County last season and believe that if we play well we can play with them again this season," stated Elba's Coach Mike Waters. "We know that they have as much talent as any team in the state and can score points in bunches, but we have improved in recent weeks and just maybe this will be the week that our young men take a giant step forward and make some things happen. It won't be the easy, and we will have to play our best on every single play for all four quarters. However, if we could get a few breaks early and get some confidence you never know what might happen."

"On offense we will have to be balanced to keep them from loading up the front and coming after us on every play," added Waters. "We will have to complete some short passes to slow down their pass-rush, and must maintain drives. We also have to hold on to the football and make mistakes that lead to easy scores for our opponents. We will have to block well up front, recognize their different blitzes and play as hard as we possibly can on every snap. Over on defense, we will have to tackle well and not back down no matter the situation. We will have to be aggressive and still play smart."

"There is no doubt we will be huge underdogs," said Coach Waters, "but we have been underdogs before and will be again in most of the games we play this season. The key for this team is to work hard, play hard and keep believing that we can win. We sound before the season started and are even younger now, but we have three games under our belts and know what it is like to play high school football. Our fans have to believe that we are improving and give these young men the support they deserve. Better days are coming, and one of these days we are going to surprise somebody."

When asked about last week's loss to W.S. Neal, Coach Waters stated, "We had trouble on offense blocking their people up front and picking up their blitzes, and that resulted in some bad plays that gave them some a short field. We played hard and never gave up, but just made too many mistakes against a talented team. The defense played hard and got after them throughout the game. However, when the other team gets the ball as many times as Neal did on our end of the field, they are bound to score. Despite the loss we did have some positive things happen, and that is what we have to do each and every game."

Let's Go...

Outdoors with Ben

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist



Pick a pack that's friendly to your back

Chances are you were introduced to your first backpack either in the Boy Scouts or in the service of Uncle Sam. The Boy Scouts gave you some latitude in selecting your pack and what you put in it. Uncle Sam selected it for you and told you what to put in it.

Backpacks, from the skinny fanny packs to the large transport pack frames, have improved considerably over the last few decades. If you are going on an outing that doesn't last much over a half day, most people can get by with a fanny pack. Fanny packs come in a variety of sizes, from one just large enough to hold a small camera to the larger multi-pocketed ones that rival the capacity of a small backpack. When you find you are stuffing your fanny pack to the point the zipper is about to rip, its time to move up to a backpack.

A common mistake is to buy one of the cheaper "book bag" packs made out of thin nylon or similar material. These may be fine for carrying schoolbooks from the house to the car and back, but they can leave you with a backache at the end of a long day on the trail. When selecting a day pack look for one with plenty of padding on the shoulder straps and the area next to your back. This will protect you from those sharp items that tend to rearrange themselves in a pack. Some daypacks come with a padded waist belt that helps distribute weight between the shoulders and waist. Larger daypacks will also have compression straps on the side and top. These straps permit attaching bulky objects such as rolled up jackets, rain gear and fishing rods to the outside of the pack.

Have an old top loading pack that closes with a drawstring. They are hard to beat for durability, as there are no zippers to go bad. It does require more planning when packing to insure items needed the most often will be near the top. An alternative to the top loading pack is the panel pack. Panel packs are opened and closed via a U shaped zipper. They are handy for getting to hard to reach items, but be careful with that zipper.

"I'm past the age of back-packing through the boonies," you say. That's not necessarily so. I talked to a salesman in a large sporting goods store recently and he told me their pack customers fall into two categories. He said sales are good in the teenage to late twenties age group and picks up again with customers in their late 50s and older. According to the salesman, grandchildren are coming grandpa and grandma into aban, doing their rocking chairs, donning a backpack and hitting the trail with them. So don't laugh; you may still have to hike the Appalachian Trail!

Tell'em you saw it in...

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Elba Tiger volleyball player Mallory Allen keeps her eye on the ball as she prepares to make a return in the Tigers' win over Andalusia. (Photo compliments of John Wallace - Andalusia Star News.)



Elba's Ashleigh Waddall (13) goes high for the ball in the Tigers' win over Andalusia. The Tigers' win over Andalusia was a key match in early season action. (Photo compliments of John Wallace - Andalusia Star News.)

Elba Tigers off and running with five wins in early season high school volleyball action

The Elba Tiger volleyball team has been busy in early season action, posting a third place finish in the Kinston Set-Off Tournament, posted a straight set victory over county rival New Brockton to claim its fifth win of the season.

The Tigers opened their season on the road against Samson and posted a 25-18, 25-19, 20-25, 25-17 win. Kendall Stinson recorded 16 service points to lead Elba, while Ashleigh Waddall added 9 points.

The Tigers improved to 2-0 with a big road win over Andalusia, by the scores of 25-22, 25-15, 21-25, 25-15. Ashleigh Waddall recorded 17 service points and Lyndsay Lawford added 16 points, while Waddall also recorded 14 kills.

The Tigers competed in the Kinston Set-Off Tournament and placed third in the ten team event. Elba opened the tournament with a 14-25, 18-25 loss to

Kinston. Kendall Stinson recorded 6 service points in the loss, while Ashleigh Waddall had 12 kills. In their second match in pool play the Tigers bounced back to defeat Arton 25-18, 25-19. Ashleigh Waddall recorded 8 service points and also had 8 kills in the big win. The Tigers closed pool play with a 28-26, 20-25, 18-6 win over New Brockton. Lyndsay Lawford recorded 9 service points in the win, while Ashleigh Waddall had 9 kills and Mallory Allen chipped in with 5 assists. Elba's tournament run came to an end with a semifinal loss to Enterprise 18-25, 10-25. Mallory Allen and Yolanda Reynolds both recorded 2 service points, while Yolanda Reynolds, Whitney Lawford and Kristen Barnes all had 1 kill.

Elba traveled to Opp in its first regular season match and dropped a 22-25, 27-25, 13-25, 19-25 decision. Kendall Stinson recorded 13 service points in the loss, while Whitney Lawford added 10. Ashleigh Waddall had 10 kills and Kristen Barnes had 8 kills.

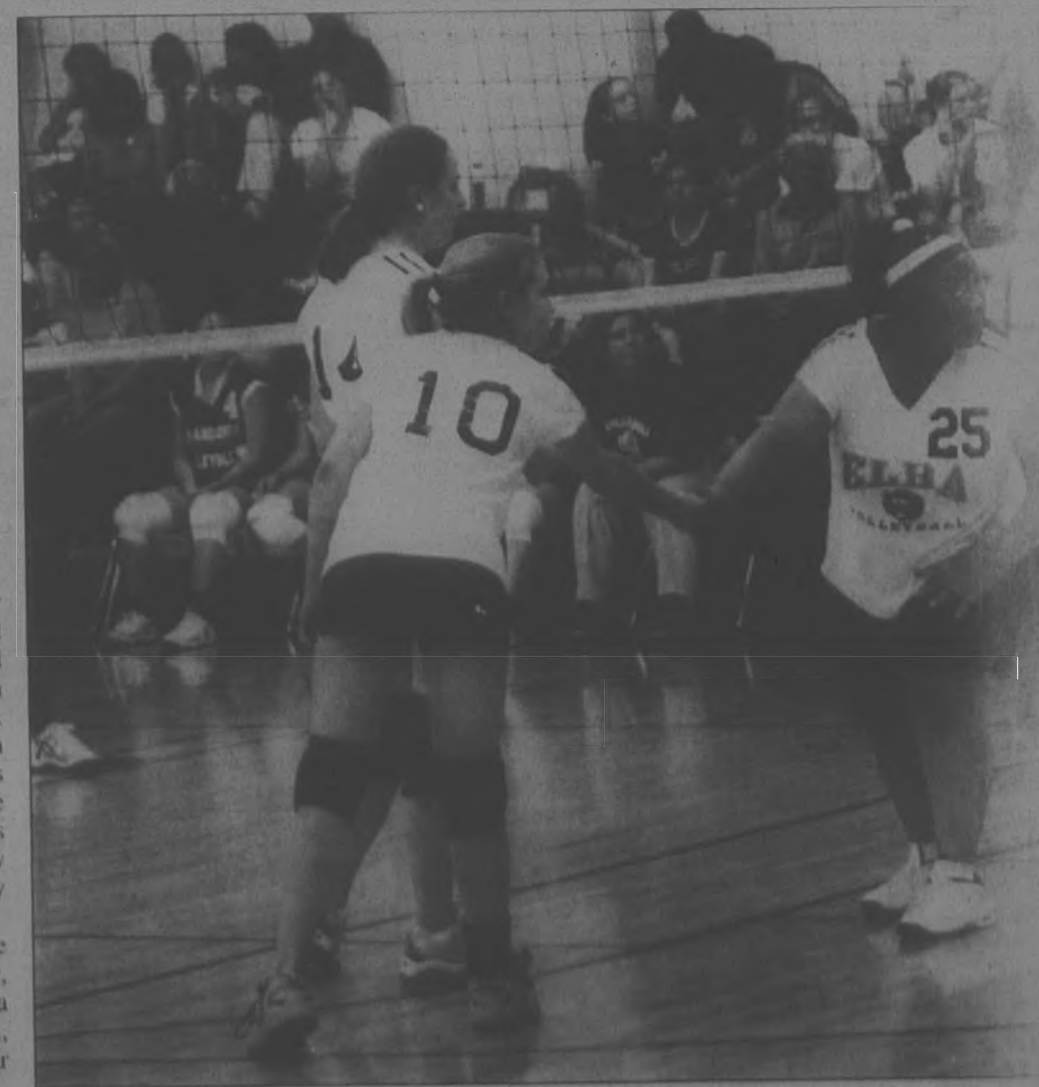
The Tigers hosted New Brockton in its first home match of the season and claimed an impressive win as they defeated the Lady Gamecocks 25-19, 25-20, 25-14. Yolanda Reynolds recorded 22 service points in the win, while Lyndsay Lawford added 13. Ashleigh Waddall had 10 kills and Whitney Lawford and Lyndsay Lawford both had 3 blocks.

The Elba Tiger volleyball team includes four juniors - Kristen Barnes, Lyndsay Lawford, Mallory Allen and Yolanda Reynolds, and four sophomores - Ashleigh Waddall, Kendall Stinson, Whitney Lawford, and Anna Petty. After eight matches, Waddall leads the team with 13 service points.

The team has improved from its first season, stated Coach Allen. "These young ladies are dedicated group and have the want to improve every day and at the same time, they are one skill team. They have improved this season, serving 11 straight sets in win over New Brockton, will focus on goals for the season progress. The team has jelled in its second season, which is an accomplishment for a young team. I am very proud of the five wins we have and expect to post more wins."

The JV Tigers opened the season with a 25-22, 19-25, 25-11 win over Samson as Anna Petty recorded 19 service points and Tambara Oliver added 16. The next win was over Andalusia 25-22, 25-12, and once again Anna Petty and Tambara Oliver led the way in service points with 8, apiece. The third win of the season came over Opp 25-17, 25-14 as Anna Petty recorded 19 service points, while the fourth win was a 25-15, 25-12 win over New Brockton, with Anna Petty recording 11 service points.

Team members include Melanie Mularz, Anna Petty, Reatta Anderson, Aaria Burrows, Jenae Wilson, Christina Bryant, Tambara Oliver and Yuliana Vega.



ELBA JV TIGERS ...wait for action in a recent win over Andalusia. Pictured are JV Tigers Anna Petty (10), Melanie Mularz (14) and Reatta Anderson (25). (Photo compliments of John Wallace - Andalusia Star News.)

COMMUNITY NEWS

Coffee bands to perform at fifth annual TSU Band Day

Marching bands from Elba High School and Zion Chapel High School will join forces with Troy State University's "Sound of the South" Marching Band and 30 other bands Saturday, Sept. 20, for its half-time performance at the TSU Southeastern Louisiana University football game.

The show will be the culmination of the band program's Fifth Annual Band Day activities, according to Ralph Ford, director of bands at TSU. Jeff Ellis is director of the Elba High School band, and Shelley Motes is director of the Zion Chapel band.

More than 2,300 musicians

will unite to perform "My Home's in Alabama" and "Domino," a song Van Morrison took to number nine on the pop music charts in 1970.

The game is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. in Troy. For tickets call 1-877-TSU-TICS. Bands scheduled to participate are Brantley High School, Cairo (Ga.) High School, Charles Henderson High School and Charles Henderson Middle School of Troy, Clarke County High School, Cottontail (Fla.) High School, Elba High School, Elmore County High School, Escambia County High School, Eufaula High

School, Flomaton High School, Florala High School, Frisco City High School, Geneva High School, Georgia High School, Goshen High School, Headland High School, Highland Home High School, Komfreck (Ga.) High School, Lee Scott Academy, Notasulga High School, Opp High School, Prattville High School, Red Level High School, Reeltown High School, Robert E. Lee High School, Silas High School, Thomasville High School, Verbena High School, Vernon (Fla.) High School, Vincent High School and Zion Chapel High School.

2003 cotton crops appear to be one of the best crops ever

Richard L. Pecher
County Extension Agent

Coffee County's 2003 cotton crop appears to be one of the best crops ever. Growers are just starting to defoliate some of their early planted cotton. On this good cotton grower's farm, to do a good job defoliating, much of this cotton may take two trips to defoliate. Some growers will wait until the cotton totally opens and naturally starts to lose its leaves before defoliating, or will wait until the first defoliate the cotton.

Different defoliants and mixtures work differently under different weather conditions and

the condition of the cotton and weeds. On September 9th we put out a cotton defoliation demonstration plot on Kenneth Walls Farm. This plot is on County Road 514, four miles west of New Brockton. The cotton field and defoliation plot is right beside Wooten Chapel Assembly of God Church. By today, September 16, we should easily be able to see the differences in these defoliants. You, as a cotton grower or consultant, may want to stop by to see how these defoliants worked. The cotton at time of application had 80% open bolls. The air temperature at ten in the morning was

82 degrees F. There are 11 different treatments. Each mix of defoliants was applied to two rows leaving two rows on each side for a border. This demonstration plot should be helpful for those interested in cotton defoliation.

Ideas for quick fall table arrangements

Angela C. Hughes
County Extension Agent

Fall Table Arrangements

If you have friends coming for dinner in the near future and need some quick table decorations, try these ideas:

Line a basket with hay or dried grasses and fill it with an assortment of vegetables or gourds. Select vegetables such as white and sweet potatoes and yellow, white and red onions. Add other fresh vegetables like carrots, tomatoes and eggplants.

If you decide to use gourds, select a variety of colors and sizes. These are usually available from grocery stores and roadside markets. Be sure they are dry or they will soon start to mold.

Use corn shucks to make an arrangement of various shaped flowers. Add some dried dock thistles or other plant material.

Place a collection of pheasant feathers in a brass bowl. If the feathers are short, place a piece of foam at the top of the container, cover it with dried moss, then insert the feathers.

Wheat is often considered a symbol of good fortune and success. Put a bunch of wheat in a crockery container and tie a gingham bow on the handle.

Mini Pumpkin Candleholders

You can make candleholders from small pumpkins. Hollow out the center of small pumpkins and place a small jar, such as a baby food jar, etc., depending on the size of the pumpkins, inside each pumpkin. Place a candle inside the jar. Use wax droppings, plastic foam or candle glue to hold the candle in place.

Or you can fill the jar with water and insert some pieces of boxwood (or other greenery)

and mums into the jar or plastic foam. The flowers should stay fresh several days. The greenery should last a week or two. Add water and fresh flowers and greenery as needed.

Don't
Forget to

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SCHOOLS



Students in Mrs. Davis' third grade class had a wonderful time building habitats for their favorite animals. The projects were done after completing a unit on animals in science.

Kinston FFA celebrates decade high membership

The FFA at Kinston High School has always been known for its student membership, and this year is no exception. For the 2003-2004 school year, the Kinston FFA chapter proudly boasts 112 members. This outstanding membership participation represents an all time high for the past decade.

The Kinston FFA started off the year with the nomination and election of officers: President, Blake Phillips; Vice President, Megan Piland; Treasurer, Jonathan Hataway; Secretary, Samantha Wambles; Reporter, Lyndon Kilcrease; Sentinel, Scott Ballard; and Student Advisor, Zach Odum.

The club held its annual peanut-bolt September 4th. The 11th annual competition, comprised of senior FFA members, began work in August on a design for the chapter t-shirt.

"We are going to have a great year filled with many activities," advisor Phillip Paramore said.

The next big event on the Kinston FFA calendar is a trip to the Sunbelt Expo held in Moultrie, Georgia.



2003-04 FFA officers include (from left): Blake Phillips, president; Megan Piland, vice president; Jonathan Hataway, secretary; Samantha Wambles, reporter; Lyndon Kilcrease, sentinel; Scott Ballard and Zach Odum, student advisors.

Support the Bulldogs with Your Attendance!



The Spanish Club of Kinston High School will offer exposure to the Spanish-speaking world and its cultures. The intent is to be educational and fun for its members. It will help look beyond the doors of our own school and hearts to touch lives of others and be open to diversity coming into our lives. Spanish Club Officers for the 2003-04 school year includes (from left): Ashley Carter, president; Josh Driver, vice president; Haley Spears, secretary; Amber McCall, treasurer; Brittany Hunko and Mathew Snell, scrapbook committee.

LBW announces 2003 Summer term honors list

Lurleen B. Wallace Community College has announced the President's List and Dean's List for Summer Term 2003, and the following area students qualified for the honors.

President's List: Kinston - Donnie Sanson

Dean's List: Brantley - Nancy Kelley, Stephanie Richoux, Stetson Sasser; Elba - Janice Cole; Kinston - Candace Moulton; New Brockton - Robert Smith.

To qualify for the President's List, a student must maintain an "A" average during the term; and for the Dean's List a grade point average of 3.50 to 3.99 must be maintained.

Way to Go!!

SGA officers and representatives hold many responsibilities

The Kinston High School SGA began its new school year even before the first day of school by getting the parking lot ready. Since SGA is responsible for the parking area, spaces had to be lined and numbered. Of course, this is only one responsibility of the SGA.

Additionally, SGA members lead the daily morning pledge and moment of silence. They also make announcements and leave the student body with, "A Thought for the Day."

In October the SGA will sponsor Red Ribbon Week and will honor our veterans in November with a Veterans Day program and reception. The SGA will also participate in the

Homecoming Parade. The SGA officers for 2003-2004 are as follows: President: Megan Piland; Vice President: Jeremy Driver; Secretary: Tiffany Wilson; Treasurer: Hillary Sumblin.

Representatives include: Seventh Grade: Ashton Parker and Crystal Baker; Eighth Grade: John Moss and Heather Marlowe; Ninth Grade: Ashley Lassiter and Nicole Boswell; Tenth Grade: Ashley Carter and Jessie Jacobs; Eleventh Grade: Kontora Edwards and Courtney Stanley; Twelfth Grade: Courtney Farris and Crystal Weeks.

SGA sponsor is Mrs. Lisa Duelt.



2003-04 SGA officers include (from left): Megan Piland, president; Jeremy Driver, vice president; Tiffany Wilson, secretary; and Hillary Sumblin, treasurer.

Coffee County Schools Menu September 22-26, 2003

BREAKFAST

Monday - Ham & Biscuit

Cereal, Jelly Juice, Milk

Tuesday - Donut & Glaze

Cereal, Juice, Milk

Wednesday - French Toast

Canadian Bacon, Cereal, Juice, Milk

Thursday - Breakfast Pizza

Cereal, Juice, Milk

Friday - Sausage Biscuit

Cereal, Juice, Milk

LUNCH

Monday - Cheese Pizza, Sloppy Joe, Fried

Squash, Whole Kernel Corn, Ice Cream

Cup, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday - Hamburger, Hot Dog, French

Fries, Baked Beans, Fruit, Milk

Wednesday - Taco Salad, Turkey

Sandwich, Lettuce, Tomato & Cheese

English Peas, Hash Browns, Brownie

Thursday - Ham & Cheese Croissant

Corn Dog, California Veggies, Braided

Okra, Fruit, Milk

Friday - Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Fried

Chicken, Garden Salad, Green Beans

Rolls, Fruit, Milk



Mrs. Smith's fourth grade read "Teeny Tiny Tinny Visitors" about little robot characters from outer space. The students then made their versions of robots. We had 100% participation in this activity, and the robots turned out great.

Junior class plans for busy year of projects

The 2003-2004 Kinston High School Junior class officers are: President-Breann Hattaway, Vice-President-Brittany Holley, Secretary-Tiffany Wilson, Reporter-Courtney Stanley, and Treasurer-Amy Mascorro.

The T-shirt committee is responsible for Homecoming and Prom T-shirt designs. Members of this committee are Mandi Loupe, Marlena Parker, Richie Parish, and Leann Newell.

The prom committee is also responsible for ordering the decorations, and getting the prom ready for the big night. Members of this committee are Diane McDonough, Britni Cosby, Ramsi Smith, and Josh Reeves.

The 2003-2004 fundraisers are Personalized House Flags (\$25), Hand Flags (\$12), 48" Umbrellas (\$15), and Mirrored Car Tags (\$15). We plan to have this

fundraiser wrapped up around October 1st. At the beginning of October, Homecoming T-shirts will be on sale.

The Junior Class thanks you for all your support.

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It Happened This Week!

In September 1952, Senator Joseph McCarthy's Communist witch-hunt was in full swing. The Little Tramp, a British citizen who had been living in the United States for forty years, was an internationally famous Hollywood star. While traveling to England on September 19, the government revoked his re-entry permit. The FBI and INS, after a lengthy investigation, found no justification to maintain the revocation. The Little Tramp, upset by the government's actions, never again set foot on American soil. Who was the Little Tramp? Need the answer, or want more information. Go to: http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/health/19/newsid_3102000/3102179.stm.

FastFact

Sequoyah was a Cherokee Indian. Recognized around the world for creating a complete syllabary for the Cherokee language, his efforts led to widespread literacy among tribal members. Born between 1760 and 1770, he lived in Willstown during the early part of the nineteenth century, where he did much of his work. Learn more about Sequoyah at: <http://www.cherokee.org/Culture/HistoryPage.asp?id=56>.

FOCUS ON THE FACTS
EYE ZONE

Kidnapped!

After invading Washington on August 24, 1814 the British Army burnt its public buildings. During their withdrawal, they seized Dr. William Beanes, a sixty-five year old physician, for his role in the arrest of two British soldiers.

Alarmed, friends of Dr. Beanes approached a young Georgetown lawyer for help negotiating his release. After agreeing the lawyer secured the assistance of John Skinner, who had negotiated prisoner of war releases. Sailing off in search of the British fleet, they found it near Baltimore on September 7.

The two Americans successfully negotiated the doctor's release with the British commander, but he prudently continued their detention as they had overheard his plans for a naval and land assault on Baltimore.

As a result, the morning of September 13 found the young lawyer, Skinner, and Dr. Beanes on a British truce ship eight miles from Baltimore. Defending the city from Fort Mchenry, a massive star shaped structure at the mouth of the harbor. Flying above the fort, they were visible to the three



Illustration of Fort Mchenry. Courtesy: Smithsonian National Museum of American History.

detainees, was a giant American flag. Following a brief morning engagement, sixteen British warships formed a semicircle around the fort. Sitting outside the range of the fort's weapons, their more powerful cannons could run shells on the fort without fear of retaliation.

As the detainees watched, the warships began their bombardment about two o'clock in the

afternoon. Was Baltimore doomed? Could Fort Mchenry withstand the nonstop shelling? As daylight faded, they could still their young nation's flag waving in the twilight.

The British continued their bombardment throughout the night. As dawn approached on September 14, the Americans had only one question: Was their flag still there? If not, Baltimore had fallen. Incredibly, daylight revealed the flag fluttering defiantly. The British fleet, unwilling to sacrifice the lives a land assault would entail, gave up and withdrew. Baltimore was safe. They were free.

An amateur poet, the young lawyer was so moved by the events he had just witnessed that he scribbled a poem about them as the truce boat sailed to Baltimore. On September 20, the Baltimore Patriot newspaper published his poem under the title, *The Defense of Fort Mchenry*.

The author suggested putting the poem to music using a popular tune, *To Anacreon in Heaven*. A month later, a local performer named Harding sang it publicly for the first time. By then, the title had been changed to *The Star Spangled Banner*.

The young lawyer and poet watching the Battle of Baltimore was Francis Scott Key, whose song officially became our national anthem in 1931. Find out more about our national anthem, and the flag that flew over Fort Mchenry by taking *The Web Journey*.

The Web Journey

The Star-Spangled Banner

The Smithsonian National Museum of American History created this online exhibit. Subtitled *The Flag That Inspired a National Anthem*, it tells the story of the flag from its creation in 1813 until today. Web Address: <http://web01.si.edu/nmah/tldocs/ssboid/>.

Fort Mchenry

Produced by the Patriots of Fort Mchenry the site offers a comprehensive history of the fort, a virtual tour, images of many of its artifacts, and a detailed history of the Battle of Baltimore. Web Address: <http://www.bcp1.net/~etovner/bb2.html>.

By Dawn's Early Light: The Battle of Baltimore

This article from the Summer 2002 issue of *The Natural Resource*, published by Maryland's Department of Natural Resources, details the events of September 13-14, 1814 and their causes. Web Address: <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/naturalresource/summer2002/bb.html>.

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Elba Council balks but then passes budget for coming fiscal year

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council approved an operating budget for 2003-2004 Monday evening, but not without discussion and an effort to postpone approval until the next meeting.

When District 4 Councilman Harold Spicer suggested waiting until the next regular meeting and holding a work session prior to that to discuss the budget, Mayor Grimes noted a budget must be in place before October 1st.

District 3 Councilman Junior Culver questioned the police chief on the rising cost of the department and constant need for new cars. He also expressed concern over an increase in the recreation budget.

District 5 Councilman Ronnie Hammond expressed a desire to put additional money into street paving. He noted there are a lot of city streets which need work.

Grimes commented that \$3,000,000 would probably not be enough to do all the necessary paving in Elba.

Several councilmen questioned the cut in the budget for the fire department and were told it was in line with actual expenditures for the past couple of years.

Firemen are paid on a per-call basis, and if the number of fires are down, the operating costs are down.

When the budget was passed as presented to the council at the last meeting, they agreed to a work session on Monday, September 29th, to go over the budget. Any recommended changes in the budget will be made at the next regular meeting (October 13th).

The council accepted the written recommendation of Library Board Chairman Jimmy Harrison and appointed Barbara Tillis and Kathy Hathcock to the Elba Library Board. They replace resigning members Charlotte Clark and Kate Murphree.

The council also reappointed Water and Electric Board member Mickey Murdock to another five year term.

Board Chairman Tim Johnson's term is also up and Mayor Grimes said he has asked not to be reappointed. The council will make this replacement at a later date.

Reviewing the financial statement Grimes noted that a glitch in computer software was the cause of a delay in sales tax receipts this month. However the collected money will be forthcoming soon.

James Williams addressed the council on his plans to reestablish an AA chapter in Elba. Williams noted he is a recently released state prisoner and had become active in the organization while in prison. He said he wanted the council to be aware of his efforts and welcomed any suggestions on a place to meet and any other suggestions they might have.

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth reported that some of the recent house fires appear to be arson cases. He said the department is actively investigating these fires and hoped to solve the crimes in the near future.

During New Brockton Town Council meeting

Boyd Hartzog sworn in as new police chief

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council confirmed the appointment of the town's new chief of police Monday evening, Sept. 22, at the regular monthly meeting.

New Brockton mayor Charles Cole put an end to the search for a new police chief Monday, Sept. 8, when he appointed Boyd Hartzog as the new police chief, and Monday evening he asked the town council to confirm its support by approving a motion agreeing to accept his recommendation.

With that request, the council voted unanimously to accept the mayor's recommendation to appoint Hartzog as chief of police for the Town of New Brockton.

Immediately following the council's vote, a swearing in ceremony was held with 12th Judicial Circuit Judge Steve Blair presenting the oath of office to Hartzog.

Chief Hartzog is a law enforcement veteran with more than 30 years of experience with the Alabama State Troopers office. He also served nearly 30 years with the Alabama National Guard.

Cole said he is proud of the town's decision to appoint Hartzog as chief of police, and he feels this will be a good partnership for the town.

The town council gave special

recognition to Mayor Cole Monday evening when it passed a resolution supporting him as a recipient of the Lawrence Deramus Award for 2003.

Councilman Johnny Herron read the resolution aloud and said Cole was chosen as recipient of this award because of his years of work in the community including serving as the first African American mayor in Coffee County, serving as principal of New Brockton Elementary School for 19 years, serving as a basketball coach in New Brockton, leading his team to a state championship and being named basketball's coach of the year for the state all during his tenure as an educator. Herron noted that Cole serves as a full-time mayor for New Brockton although it is not listed as a full-time job.

Herron also mentioned the mayor's countless contributions to the community in helping those less fortunate in which one lady aided by Cole said she received more help from the people of New Brockton in one week than she had ever received anywhere else.

Frank Stewart addressed the council in regards to garbage collection. Stewart said the council recently called about attaining water service for some property he owns in town but did not realize garbage service comes with it. He said he does not live on the property and does not

have a need for garbage collection; therefore, he asked the council to waive the garbage fee and only charge him for water service.

Council member Ron McMonagle said he feels the town's ordinance to require payment for both garbage and water only pertains to property with a residence. However, he said the council members will need to research to find the exact language of the ordinance to see if there is a way to avoid charging Mr. Stewart for garbage collection.

The council voted to table this discussion until the next meeting.

The council discussed the ongoing fund raising efforts, and Herron said he feels the town has been successful thus far.

"I have been amazed by the way the people have supported the council and town," McMonagle said. "The citizens pulled together when we needed it." He updated those in attendance on a couple of grant projects progressing because of this support, and Mayor Cole said the

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Elba Chamber of Commerce banquet set for Thursday, Sept. 25 (Tonight)

The Elba Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual banquet on the evening of Thursday, Sept. 25, 2003. The Elba Recreation Center, located on Claxton Ave., will be the location for the banquet which will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Once again this year the chamber will feature some of Elba's restaurants and other food vendors with the theme "Celebrate Elba with a Taste of Elba". These merchants will be showcasing their specialties for the evening meal, and there will be 15 vendors participating in the event.

Elba's 150th birthday celebration will be continued during the banquet as old Elba memorabilia will be on display, the king and queen of the sesquicentennial celebration will be introduced and a short history of Elba will be told by a favorite historian.

An awards ceremony will take place to honor some of those who have been willing to serve during the year to help make Elba the best place in Alabama to be, and a very special guest will entertain.



ENJOYING FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL...Football fans of all ages were at Tiger Stadium in Elba last Friday night, Sept. 19, for the Elba vs. Pike County football game. Although the game did not end in favor of the hometown team, the fans were given plenty to cheer about from the football teams, cheerleaders and bands. Some of the younger fans even found ways to entertain themselves. Above, Caitlin Bradshaw, age 5, enjoys a hamburger at the game while her cousin, Millicent Nolin, age 4, dances to the sound of the music being played by the Elba Marching Tiger Band. Caitlin, the daughter of Andy and Renee Bradshaw, is a kindergarten student at Elba Elementary School, and Millicent is the daughter of Kenneth and Tracie Nolin. Fans of all local schools are encouraged to attend the games each and every week and show their appreciation for the players, cheerleaders and band members.

County commission awards several annual bids

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The awarding of several annual bids showcased the regular bimonthly meeting of the Coffee County Commission Monday, Sept. 22, as it took a good deal of time to open and review the bids.

In regards to asphalt, the commission received bids on Emulsified Asphalt (CRS-2 with Latex Rubber Additive), Emulsified Asphalt (CRS-2) and

MC-70 (Prime). Each was looked at separately with only three companies provided a bid for the products, Hunt Refining Company of Tuscaloosa, Ala. and Ergon, Inc. of Mulga, Ala. sent a bid for all three products while Coastal Fuels Marketing, Inc. of Pensacola, Fla. provided a bid only for MC-70 Prime.

Based on a recommendation by county engineer Randy Tindell, the commission voted unanimously to award the primary bid for CRS-2 with Latex Rubber Additive to Ergon, Inc. at \$619 with a secondary bid awarded to Hunt Refining at \$943. The primary bid for CRS-2 went to Ergon, Inc. at \$719 with the secondary bid going to Hunt Refining at \$128. As for MC-70 Prime, the primary bid was awarded to Hunt Refining at \$7. The primary bid for Class 1 Rip-Rap delivered and Class II Rip-Rap delivered went to Southeast Materials of Birmingham at \$17.49 each.

The commission also voted to give each company the alternate secondary bid award on the items in which they did not get the primary bid.

The bid for steel pipe went to Hanson Pipe and Products of Birmingham at a BCCM percentage discount of 60.2 percent. The alternate bid went to Gulf Atlantic Culvert, Inc. of Tallahassee, Fla. at 60 percent.

The bids for lime and fertilizer both went to the Coffee County Co-Op in Elba. This company was the only one to submit a bid for lime and fertilizer.

As for herbicides, the commission voted to award the bid for Round-up Pro to Nutril Chem West, Inc. of Conyers, Ga. at

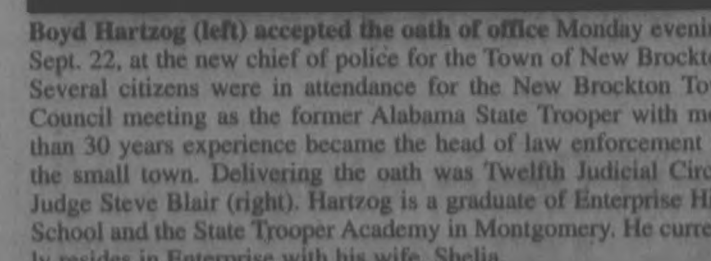
Area Happenings

THE 2003 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON continues Friday, Sept. 26, as the Elba Tigers travel to Levensworth the New Brockton Gamcocks travel to Florida the Elba Bulldogs travel to Samson; the Zion Chapel Rebels will play here at Elba; and the Brantley Bulldogs take on Highland Home in Brantley.

THE ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE ELBA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held Thursday, Sept. 25, 6:30-9:00 p.m. at the Elba Recreation Center beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased in advance for the event. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the Elba Chamber of Commerce at 897-3125. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

THE TOWN OF NEW BROCKTON will host its Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 18, at the New Brockton Memorial Park beginning at 9 a.m. Activities will include a parade, games, and a food booth. The event should be fun for the entire family.

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Boyd Hartzog (left) accepted the oath of office Monday evening, Sept. 22, at the new chief of police for the Town of New Brockton. Several citizens were in attendance for the New Brockton Town Council meeting as the former Alabama State Trooper with more than 30 years experience became the head of law enforcement for the small town. Delivering the oath was Twelfth Judicial Circuit Judge Steve Blair (right). Hartzog is a graduate of Enterprise High School and the State Trooper Academy in Montgomery. He currently resides in Enterprise with his wife, Sheila.